

The Sailors' Snug Harbor, Residences for
Secretary, Engineer, Gardener, Baker,
and Farmer
Richmond Terrace
New Brighton
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Address: Richmond Terrace, between Tysen Avenue and Delafield Place, New Brighton, New York, Richmond County, New York.

Present Owner: The Trustees of The Sailors' Snug Harbor in the City of New York.

Present Occupant: The Sailors' Snug Harbor.

Present Use: Some used as residences, some vacant.

Statement of Significance: The Sailors' Snug Harbor is a home for aged seamen opened on Staten Island in 1833. This group of residences, constructed during the last quarter of the nineteenth century, form part of the institution's particularly rich catalog of nineteenth-century architecture.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: See photo-data book for The Sailors' Snug Harbor, HABS No. NY-5473, for this information.
2. Date of erection: Two buildings in this group were first shown on a map in the Atlas of Staten Island, Richmond County, New York, published by J. B. Beers & Co. in 1874, thus indicating that they had been built by this date. In the History of The Sailors' Snug Harbor Together with Incidents of a Life in It for 18 Months, Written by an Inmate, published in 1879, the author mentioned that there were at that time "cottages for the Engineer and Farmer."

By 1887 two more cottages had been added, according to the Atlas of Staten Island, Richmond Co., New York, published by J. B. Beers & Co. in 1887. The cottages were labeled thus from north to south: "Engineer's Res.," "Gardener's Res.," "Baker's Res.," and "Farmer's Res."

The Atlas of the Borough of Richmond, City of New York, published by E. Robinson & Co. in 1898, showed five cottages. They were labeled thus from north to south: "Secretary's Ho.," "Engineer's Ho.," "Gardener's Ho.," "Baker's Ho.," and "Farmer's Ho."

B. Bibliography

Note: See photo-data book for The Sailors' Snug Harbor, HABS No. NY-5473, for additional bibliographical material.

Atlas of Staten Island, Richmond County, New York. New York:
J. B. Beers & Co., 1874.

Atlas of Staten Island, Richmond Co., New York. New York:
J. B. Beers & Co., 1887.

Atlas of the Borough of Richmond, City of New York. New York:
E. Robinson & Co., 1898.

History of The Sailors' Snug Harbor Together with Incidents of
a Life in It for 18 Months, Written by an Inmate. 1879.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural interest and merit: The Sailors' Snug Harbor is a home for aged seamen opened in 1833. This group of residences, constructed during the last quarter of the nineteenth century, form part of the institution's particularly rich catalog of nineteenth-century architecture.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Description of Exterior

1. Number of stories: One story with one story in mansard roof.
2. Number of bays: East facade is two bays wide; north and south sides are each three bays wide.
3. Over-all dimensions: East facade measures approximately 25'-0"; north and south elevations measure approximately 45'-0" with projecting section in rear extending approximately 15'-0" westward.
4. Layout, shape: The building is rectangular in plan with rectangular projection in center of rear elevation.
5. Foundations: Red brick.
6. Wall construction, finish and color: Red brick laid up in running bond.
7. Porch: Wooden porch, painted yellow, runs full length of east facade.

8. Chimney: Central chimney of stuccoed red brick.

9. Openings:

a. Doorways and doors: Front door of paneled wood, painted yellow with stained glass transom; wooden architrave painted yellow.

b. Windows: Square-headed windows have two-over-two-light double-hung wooden sash.

10. Roof:

a. Shape, covering: Mansard roof with black and red slate shingles.

b. Cornice: Wood.

c. Dormers: Hooded dormers have segmental-arched windows with two-over-two-light double-hung sash.

C. Description of Interior

Note: It was not possible to gain access to the interior.

D. Site and Surroundings:

1. Orientation: The main facade faces east.

Note: The above architectural information applies to all five residences. For additional photographs of the buildings see photo-data book for The Sailors' Snug Harbor, HABS No. NY-5473.

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